

FACT AND FANCY

Since 1845 Arctic explorations have cost the lives of 180 men.

There are about fifteen hundrederokee Indians in Swain county, North Carolina,

New Orleans' mayor is prosecuting persons who are derelict in clearing filth deposits.

The Italian and Chinese sections of

Traynor, the Atlantic dory voyageur, had to kill his dog because he went mad and tried to bite him.

A gentleman died recently in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, of lockjaw occasioned by the bite of a stallion.

California orchards and vineyards to western cities.

A strolling band of Turks is "doing" Elson, Tex. The women carry their children strapped to their backs, in Indian fashion.

Three clerks are kept busy signing the pension commissioner's name, and

A gap of about 350 miles yet remains to be built ere the Mexican National road will be complete from Arredo, Tex., to the City of Mexico.

A bunch of timothy hay, the stalks of which are seven feet two inches long, is on exhibition at Nevada City, Nevada. It was raised on "slickens" land.

Patent fruit-cars are now being run on points in Maryland and New Jersey through to Boston and Bangor, being ferried from Jersey City to New York.

Four able-bodied Arabs, who were brought on Consular Guard, Tax for

During the first six months of this year nearly \$30,000,000 has been invested in buildings in New York, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the corresponding period last year.

themselves.

Jackson Brown, an aged colored man of Harrisonburg, Va., while rearing from wood-cutting the other night attempted to crawl through a barbed fence. His head became fastened, and he strangled to death.

In the island of San Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, a mass of crystalline salt nearly four miles long, estimated to contain 98,357,600 tons, and said to be so clear that type can be read through a block a foot thick.

A sanitary commissioner asserts that women are far more alive to the necessities of health considerations than men, that when he is called to examine

The universal antidote in the south
r snake-bites is whisky, but that is
t rolled upon wholly. The person
tten is not permitted to rest. He is
t on his legs by main force, and
impelled to go through the most
lent exercise possible.

Prof. Cassius M. Zedaker, of Karns
ity, Pa., a weak-minded young man
ho is an imitator of Oscar Wilde, is
pulously insane. He is well known
purchasing the oil regions, where he

The Meadville, Pa., glass-works recently imported some Belgian workmen, arranging that a certain sum was to be deducted from their wages each month to pay their passage from Belgium, which had been advanced by the company. When some money was stopped to repay their indebtedness they struck.

A romantic story comes from Lapaz, Mexico. A young man of good society was about to be married. That night

An English statistician maintains that the daily increase of wealth in the United States is upward of \$25,000,000, or about \$838,000,000 a year, which is three times as much as the entire increase in wealth of the whole of the rest of the world. England, whose increase in wealth is next to our own, makes only a profit on all her business of \$300,000,000 a year, or but little over a third of our own.

show-window in Pittsburgh. It is miniature working model of the largest steam hammer in the world—the trust hammer, in France. The model is simply a clock, and the hammer weighs tons, in the other is a pendulum that moves noiselessly up and down. Not a single detail in the great hammer is omitted in the smaller one.

It is said that the action of congress in giving Alaska a civil government has had a wonderful effect there. Parties of men have started for Sitka for the purpose of prospecting and mining, and it is expected that before long a new territory will be the Eldorado of those in haste to grow rich. The country is reported to be rich in minerals and timber. It is believed that Sitka will be the seat of government.